

**IDENTIFYING FILES SUITABLE FOR ATTACHING TO A TEXT  
MESSAGE**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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The invention provides for a device (1) and method (20) for identifying, from a plurality of files, at least one file suitable for attaching to a text message to be transmitted from the device. The message is typically an EMS or MMS message and the invention includes identifying (22) at least one keyword or phrase in the message to be used in a metadata search. Then the invention conducts searching (23) a least one database for files identified by metadata corresponding to at least one search word associated with the keyword or phrase. Identifying (24) the least one file suitable for attaching to the message is performed, wherein the at least one file has associated metadata matching the search word. A user then may select the file plus other files that are attached to (27) and transmitted (28) with the text message.

FIG. 2 accompanies this abstract.

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